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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tuesday,

4th August, 1936.
20th Karkidagam, 1111.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir Shanmukham Chetty, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs. T. S. Balarama Ayyar, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, R. Viswanathan Chettiar, C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar, Dr. A. R. Menon and Rao Sahib I. N. Menon were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Fees—exemption from payment—Karmala Community.

121. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state if any representation has been made to them to exempt the members of the Karmala community from payment of fees in schools and colleges as has been done to Elayaths and Mootheths and other caste-Hindu communities;

(b) if so, what the Government have done in the matter or will the Government be pleased to exempt them from payment of fees?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter was recorded.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to (a), may I know when?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We received the report on the 29th November 1935.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—How many months?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The Hon'ble Member can himself calculate.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It is told that the matter was recorded. Was it recorded with a prospective favourability of orders?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—It was recorded. You may interpret it in any way as you please.

Mr. President.—Recorded means the consideration of the subject has been closed.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Negatively or positively?

Mr. President.—Negatively and positively.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—How can two contradictions come in?

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—Are not the Nambudiries, Moothadus and Elayaths given the full fee concession?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—In view of the fact that they belong to a richer community why not the Karmala community be also given the concession?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—They were not given the concession on account of their proverty, but because of their backwardness in English education.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—Is not this community also backward in point of English education?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—Then what difference does it make between the communities that the Karmala community is not given the same concession?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—There are several other communities also which may require this concession.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Then why not do that?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—If all the communities are given this concession, Government will be put to a very delicate position.

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Mr. K. M. Kunhimoideen.— Can you not give this concession to all the backward communities?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The backward communities are now given half fee concession. The depressed class communities are given full fee concession and a special concession has been given to these Malayalee Brahmins also.

Latrines—T. D. High School—particulars regarding.

122. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of latrines attached to the T. D. High School in Mattancheri;

(b) what is the distance from these latrines to the other houses surrounding them;

(c) are the Government satisfied that these latrines will not be detrimental to the health of the neighbours as well as of the students;

(d) are these latrines constructed according to the Sanitary Regulations?

Mr. M. P. Cherian—(a) Three.

(b) Eastern latrine 14 ft.
Southern latrine 45 ft.
Northern latrine 22 ft.
} to the nearest house.

(c) Much harm is not likely to be caused to neighbours as the Mattancheri Municipality is paying particular attention to scavenging.

As for students the proximity of the latrines does not form a special factor detrimental to health.

(d) The Sanitary Department has not condemned the present structures except in the matter of accommodation.

Full fee and half-fee concessions—the principle underlying the grant of.

123. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the principle underlying the grant of full fee and half-fee concession to students;

(b) the names of communities that are granted (1) full fee concession;

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